

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 2-6, 8-10, 22, 31-35, and 37 have been amended. Claim 1 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 2-42 remain pending.

B. Rejections Under § 102(b)

The Action takes the position that the subject matter of claims 1-5, 8-9, 32, and 34-38 are anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by the article entitled "Studies on the Reversal of Azidothymidine Toxicity in Human Lymphocytes by Cytidine and Uridine," by S. Cox ("Cox").

Claims 6-7, 10-31, and 33 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form as noted below. Applicants sincerely appreciate the Examiner's recognition of the patentable subject matter recited in these claims. To expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of claim 1. In addition, claim 37 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 6, placing claim 37 in condition for allowance.

For at least the reasons set forth above, independent claims 6 and 37, and dependent claims therefrom, are patentable over the cited art. Removal of the Section 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

C. Rejections Under § 103(a)

Claims 1-5, 8-9, 32, and 34-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Cox. As noted above, the allowable subject matter of claim 6 has been rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of claim 1, placing claim 6 and its dependents,

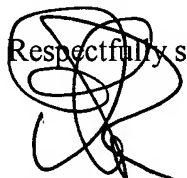
patentable over the cited art. Claim 37 has also been amended to include the limitation of claim 6, placing claim 37, and its dependents, patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, removal of the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1-5, 8-9, 32, and 34-38 is respectfully requested.

D. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 6, 7, 10-31, 33, and 39-42 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the amendments and comments of this response, however, Applicant respectfully submits that *all* pending claims are allowable. Applicant accordingly requests that all the current rejections be removed so that all the pending claims can pass to issuance together.

E. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Examiner respectfully is requested to reconsider the rejections and find that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned attorney if any questions, comments, or suggestions arise.

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